

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 20th day of May, 2019 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Council Member Sterling Adamson, Council Member Thomas Hage, Council Member Bruce Borntrager, and Council Member Troy Schmidtke.

The following members were absent: Mayor Thomas Eckmann.

Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas Hage presided over the meeting.

During the community comment period, Deb and Gary Jellema asked about what the county found when they explored drainage tile near their house. County Commissioner Richard Koons, present for another matter, explained what he believed the county's policies and responsibilities were related to tile maintenance. Wes Anderson asked about Bevcomm installing TV cable on the edge of land he farms. He was encouraged to contact the company directly. Bernie Semanko asked about setbacks that relate to driveways.

A zoning permit application from United AgTech was reviewed. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to approve the permit for construction of a commercial building, contingent on meeting the rear yard minimum setback and maximum height restrictions.**

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. Discussion continued regarding a request to allow a pet micro-pig. The matter was tabled for additional research. The cost of various new squad cars was provided for discussion. A pickup truck could be considered that would transition to the public works department when retired from service as a squad. Truck estimates will be obtained. **Motion made by Council Member Troy Schmidtke, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to adopt the following ordinance**

Ordinance 2019-04

An Ordinance to establish social host liability for alcohol and underage persons

Mike Paulson presented the public works department report. The new filter media at the water treatment plant is not working properly. Engineers are looking into the problem. Some of the painting for that project will need to be redone as well. Part of the payment will be withheld until everything is satisfactory. Street repair bids were reviewed. Seal Coat bids for the SE quadrant included Pearson Bros. 1.279 S.Y. and M.R. Paving 1.32 S.Y. Asphalt overlay and patching bids were M.R. Paving 2.00 S.F. and 4.70 S.F. for patching, and MN Paving bid \$2.25 S.F. and 5.80 S.F. for patching. Crack fill bids were Bargaen \$2.00 lb. and Midwest Asphalt \$1.80 lb. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to accept the low bid on all projects.** Discussion took place regarding putting a plan together to replace various failing infrastructure. A meeting will take place to prioritize needs and to look at costs. Various areas of curb and gutter need to be repaired or replaced and cost estimates will be obtained. Skipping curb painting was considered and it was decided to do the work as planned this year. Paulson advised the library roof was repaired again, this time around the chimney, results from flow meters placed in the sewer mains are starting to come in, and the VFD in well #5 needs to be replaced at a cost of \$9,800. The power plant covers this extraordinary maintenance cost.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl provided updated cost information for the Knox Boxes that were approved in 2015 but never purchased. **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntreger, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to approve getting 2 units for \$2814.** Kuehl is working on the department hiring protocol and would like to start taking applications soon. The city attorney will be contacted to get details for issues found in background checks that would prohibit someone from serving on the department to add to the policy.

Brenda Nielsen provided an update on projects and grants she is working on. Details for partnering with SMIF to build a community fund were reviewed. There may be an additional \$10,000 available from the DNR to assist residents with removal of ash trees as part of the EAB grant project. The funding is part of pending legislation. Discussion followed regarding education credits Nielsen needs to maintain her grant writing certification. Training conferences are the most cost-effective means of obtaining credits and they are held every other year. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve her attendance at the July conference.** Motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Borntreger the dissenting vote.

Alissa Oeltjenbruns with Southern MN Initiative Foundation provided information on their programs and projects in the area. **Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to approve a \$125 contribution toward their programs.**

Motion made by Council Member Troy Schmidtke, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to adopt the following ordinance

Ordinance 2019-01

An Ordinance regulating public nuisances within the City of Trimont

Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntreger and carried to adopt the following ordinance

Ordinance 2019-02

An Ordinance protecting shade trees and providing for pest control thereof

A community meeting is scheduled for June 11th at the Triumph Hall to discuss the Emerald Ash Borer project in depth, with representatives from the U of M and the DNR in attendance.

Ordinance 2019-03 to clarify utility billing policies and procedures currently in use was considered for introduction and debated at length. As there was no consensus, the matter was tabled until the full council is present. Clarification of what constitutes an apartment was also tabled.

Under old business, discussion included maintenance items at the ballfield and shelter house, the status of grant funding applications to upgrade and install restrooms at Anderson and Memorial Parks, and the status of the survey for installation of water and sewer lines for Jon Holtz's property.

Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke and carried to approve up to \$300 for mosquito prevention for Sundae's in the Park.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Sterling Adamson and carried to adopt the following resolution

Resolution 2019-05

Resolution approving contribution

Motion made by Council Member Troy Schmidtke, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to adopt the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of minutes from the April 15, and April 18, 2019 meetings as printed.

Approval of City's April, 2019 financial statements as presented.

Approval of zoning permit applications from Jeremy Glidden, Deb Seckinger, Jon Holtz.

Approval to pay the following bills:

Alex Air	\$ 320.81
American Welding	\$ 232.57
Arnold Motor Supply	\$ 85.70
B & D Repair	\$ 95.00
Banyon Data Systems	\$ 1385.00
Beemer Companies	\$10322.14
Breanna Nielsen	\$ 80.00
Brenda Nielsen	\$ 79.92
Cardmember Services	\$ 269.57
Crystal Valley Coop	\$ 938.29
Delta Dental	\$ 74.70
Expert T Billing	\$ 240.00
Fairmont Ford	\$ 403.95
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70
Feder Mechanical	\$ 2113.00
Frontier Communications	\$ 757.57
Gopher State One Call	\$ 13.50
Hach Inc.	\$ 549.15
Hawkins	\$ 2458.91
Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4297.47
Indoff Inc.,	\$ 120.46
John Forstrom	\$ 2480.00
Kuehl's Electric	\$ 145.28
Lecenter Rehab	\$ 500.00
MacQueen Equipment	\$ 525.18
Mankato-Fairmont Fire	\$ 275.00
Martin County Star	\$ 445.00
Martin County West	\$ 3.90
Mid-American Research Chem	\$ 145.10

Midwest Fire	\$ 377.00
Midwest IT	\$ 187.50
MN Assn of Small Cities	\$ 448.95
MN Child Support Center	\$ 175.80
MN Dept of Health	\$ 534.00
MN Energy	\$ 736.11
MN Fire Service Certification	\$ 115.00
MN Valley Testing Labs	\$ 1125.00
Moore & Ace	\$ 1316.29
MWOA	\$ 40.00
Nuway Coop	\$ 1682.08
Pest Pro	\$ 192.87
Postmaster	\$ 117.95
Quill	\$ 84.35
River Bend Business	\$ 754.69
South Central Electric	\$ 7416.02
Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
US Able Life	\$ 11.20
Van Iwaarden	\$ 1500.00
Verizon	\$ 402.30
West Martin Joint Powers	\$ 1357.00
Westrum Leak Detection	\$ 692.50
Wex Bank	\$ 476.89

In other business, **Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Troy Schmidtke, to reconsider the matter of Donald Holtz's utility bill for Duck's Bar. The motion failed on a 2/2 vote with Council Members Adamson and Hage voting against the measure.** Council Member Adamson asked about putting a time limit on projects that are approved with a zoning permit, especially when buildings are moved into town. The concern relates to a garage that was moved in on Ash Street West some time ago that has not been permanently set and is in disarray. With various opinions on the subject, no action was taken at this time.

Motion made by Council Member Sterling Adamson, seconded by Council Member Thomas Hage and carried to adjourn. Motion carried 3/1, with Council Member Borntrager voting no.

Signed, Thomas Hage, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk